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RE: Request to provide public comment in Docket No. 17-035-61

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Transcript of my public comment:

My solar installation has produced over 10,000 kWh more than we have consumed since its installation in 2017. I have received no compensation for that energy. That is stealing.

The PSC has an environmental responsibility to foster and promote private solar and wind production in Utah. RMP's request to decrease the rooftop solar export credit rate by 84% is not credible. It is a blatant and offensive attempt to exterminate residential solar that has already been seriously wounded. No one dodges their share of grid maintenance because everyone pays the same connection fee that funds grid maintenance. Wear and tear on the grid is proportional to the distance power travels. The fair surcharge is a rate proportional to the distance power has to travel to the consumer. Distributed power generation is actually more profitable and more cheaply maintained.

There isn't the significant real-estate needed for large solar farms along the Wasatch Front, which makes the distributed model of roof-top solar the only large-scale solution of producing and storing significant amounts of green energy closest to where it is consumed. RMP could choose to own significant amounts of that distributed infrastructure for those consumers who would prefer not to own it themselves.

Imagine solar production and battery storage in every household and private industry. That would allow almost everyone to be unaffected by the natural disasters we have recently experienced. Imagine never losing the expensive contents of refrigerators and freezers. Imagine a world with vertical wind turbines on top of most utility poles. Imagine wind turbines in every canyon along the Wasatch front. Imagine having clean air to breathe.

This request has reopened the door for the PSC to reconsider their ill-advised concession to eliminate net-metering. This request makes it very clear that RMP's intent is to cheat those that have invested in roof-top solar. Other states like Massachusetts have realized that mandating net-metering is a critical decision for our nation's future. A watt credit at 90% of the rate charged for every watt generated is a fair solution and still lets RMP make a 10% profit with no investment. The responsible choice for the PSC is clear: Deny RMP's outrageous request to kill Utah's roof-top solar energy production and restore net-metering.

We desperately need to reduce pollution in our valley. We have the technology to fix our air quality. Recall Greta Thunberg's articulate and passionate plea that "this is all wrong." We have run out of time, "Entire ecosystems are collapsing." Please set things right. The future of Utah is at stake. The current net-metering agreement is only for 20 years, but my solar-panels will likely last much longer than that.



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Docket 17-035-61 Subsidizing Rooftop Power

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This is not a good deal for the users of RMP. Please stop allowing subsidies for this program. It really isn't a great deal. We've looked into and all you are doing is prepaying power but then you get a tax break which makes it a little bit better. The panels wear out by the time everything is paid for. So not as good of a deal as people think and further, it lessens tax income for state and federal programs. Additionally, RMP has to charge users more. There are more environmentally friendly options that are cheaper (like solar farms). Users should not have to bear this burden for people's personal interests. RMP will find another way to be environmentally friendly that isn't so expensive.

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